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DOYLE UNVEILS FIRST DIGITAL BUDGET

County's 2001 Budget Distributed on CD and Available on Internet

County Executive Jack Doyle today unveiled the first digital Monroe County Budget in history. Departing from the past practice of publishing a nearly 1,000-page book, Doyle's 2001 spending plan can now be reviewed on compact disc or on the Internet.

In the past Monroe County has produced budget books for both the proposed and adopted county budget. These large documents were produced at a cost of approximately \$91 per book for five hundred books - totaling approximately \$45,500. The CD equivalent is being produced at a cost of approximately \$4.21 per copy, for a comparative cost of \$2,105 for five hundred copies.

"The 2001 budget is really a blueprint for our community's future and it only seems appropriate that the medium we use for that budget embraces the future," said County Executive Doyle. "The availability of the entire 2001 Monroe County Budget on CD and the Internet continues my commitment to keep county government as open and accessible to our residents as possible."

In the past, the budget was too voluminous to offer online, therefore, only the Budget Summary was available via the Internet. Monroe County will now feature budget documents in compact files for quick download off of the county's web site located at www.co.monroe.ny.us.

To facilitate easy navigating and access, the 2001 Budget has been broken down into pdf files, viewable by the Adobe Acrobat -- a freeware offered on the internet and accessible to all online users. Those viewing the document have full search capabilities and can easily browse the extensive document via bookmarks, indexes and links.

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Additionally, the 2001 Budget's online features have been designed to accommodate changes and updates, making the adopted version of the budget available almost instantaneously and allowing for seamless transitions to online budgets year after year.

"Offering the Budget on CD and making it accessible via the Internet fit into Monroe County's reputation for innovative and fiscally responsible initiatives that strive for the best possible services at the lowest cost to taxpayers," said Doyle. "While the cost savings realized by moving to the CD budget format are small when compared to the overall budget itself, they are significant because they show that this county is serious about keeping faith with our residents and taxpayers."

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